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My dear Brother

I intended to have written you yesterday but was prevented. However as I have nothing very especial to communicate I suppose it will do just as well to day.

I had a comfortable passage up on Saturday & arrived at about 12 o'clock. It was so cold that I remained in the cabin entirely & did not see Mr Thompson until we reached here. He then got a carriage for me. I was not expected at that hour but a letter was looked for, announcing my coming up at evening.

Until to day we have had not pleasant weather since. Sunday came in with a snow storm, which soon changed to rain. The pavements were a glare of ice, so that it was almost impossible to walk, nevertheless we went to Church all day & heard two sermons from Dr Bacon. In the afternoon the two brethren who had been chosen to the office of Deacon were ordained & the Dr preached an appropriate discourse. The other services for the occasion were a charge from the Pastor & a prayer. The storm prevented the repetition of Dr B's Thanksgiving sermon in the evening. It seems it was a mistake that he was to be absent last Sabbath. Five persons (all young ladies,) stand propounded for admission to our church. The first accessions by profession, in a very long time. One of them is the daughter of Dr B.

I found all at home about as usual. Arthur looks in fine

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health & has greatly improved in talking. He expressed his pleasure at my return by saying 'I glad you come'. He rides his hobby horse as fearlessly as ever & it affords him unlimited amusement

Cornelia received a letter from Louisa last week in which she says she expects to spend the Holydays in New York She intimates that the affair between her & the Bakers is at an end — but of the why & the wherefore we are yet ignorant — I am glad she is going, as I think it will be well for her & will make Mary very happy —

Nothing has been heard from Aunt Mary since the intelligence we had in New York — As brother G. had taken up the matter with so much interest I supposed he would attend farther to it & inform us of the result — Perhaps he will do so — but I should think it was time that something definite was known about it. — She is probably comfortably located, or we should hear from Seth — Cornelia has written to her twice

This has been a pleasant day even here — & Broadway has doubtless been thronged — Chapel St seems very quiet in comparison

I hope sister Theresa has recovered from her indisposition — Tomorrow night is to be the great party at Mrs Delafield's — & I suppose Mary is anticipating much —

With love to each & all

Your affectionate sister

Elisabeth